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Crossville Telephone Company and
Big River Telephone Company, LLC

Joint Petition Regarding the Adoption
of an Interconnection Agreement

Docket No.

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JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND
BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC.

Crossville Telephone Company ("Crossville") and Big River Telephone Company, LLC ("Big River"), hereby request the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC" or "Commission") to review and approve the attached Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated May 16, 2006, pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. 252(a)(1) and 252(e) (the "Act"). In support of this request, the parties state as follows:

1. The Agreement was arrived at through good faith negotiations between the parties as contemplated by Section 252(a) of the Act and provides for interconnection and other services addressed in Section 251 of the Act.

2. Pursuant to section 252(e)(2) of the Act, the Commission may only reject a negotiated agreement if it finds that (1) the Agreement discriminates against another carrier or (2) implementation of the Agreement would not be considered consistent with the public interest convenience and necessity. Neither basis for rejection is present here.

3. As set forth in the attached Verification of Thomas Rawlinson on behalf of Crossville Telephone Company, Crossville will make the Agreement available to any telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

4. In addition, the Verification of Gerard J. Howe, on behalf of Big River, demonstrates that implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote competition and enhance Big River's ability to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telephone service.

5. In accordance with Section 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Agreement will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days from the date of this submission

6. Copies of the Agreement are available for public inspection in Crossville Telephone Company's and Big River's public offices.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Crossville Telephone Company and Big River Telephone Company, LLC, request the Commission approve the attached Interconnection Agreement under Sections 252(e) of the Act, expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of July, 2008

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT PETITION
FOR APPROVAL OF A NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND
BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC**

I, THOMAS RAWLINSON, being duly sworn on my oath, provide the following statement in support of the Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Crossville Telephone Company ("Crossville") and Big River Telephone Company, LLC ("Big River").

1. I am the President of Crossville. I have knowledge of the interconnection agreement executed between the parties.

2. On or about May 16, 2006, Crossville and Big River reached a negotiated interconnection agreement.

3. The Agreement establishes the terms and conditions for interconnection and exchange of traffic between the parties. As such, implementation of this Agreement is consistent with the public interest.

4. The Agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement as Crossville has indicated that it will make the Agreement's terms and conditions available to

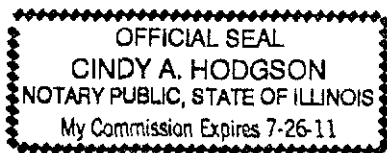
certified telecommunications carriers operating in its service area in the State of Illinois.

5. Accordingly, Crossville requests the Illinois Commerce Commission to approve the Agreement pursuant to §252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Thomas Rawlinson
THOMAS RAWLINSON, President

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 2 day of July, 2008.

Cindy Hodgson
Notary Public



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I, GERARD J. HOWE, being duly sworn on my oath, provide the following statement in support of the Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Crossville Telephone Company ("Crossville") and Big River Telephone Company, LLC ("Big River").

1. I am the CEO of Big River. I have knowledge of the interconnection agreement executed between the parties.

2. On or about May 16, 2006, Crossville and Big River reached a negotiated interconnection agreement.

3. The Agreement establishes the terms and conditions for interconnection and exchange of traffic between the parties. As such, implementation of this Agreement is consistent with the public interest.


4. The Agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement as Crossville has indicated that it will make the Agreement's terms and conditions available to

certified telecommunications carriers operating in its service area in the State of Illinois.

5. Accordingly, Big River requests the Illinois Commerce Commission to approve the Agreement pursuant to §252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.


GERARD J. HOWE, President

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 23rd day of June, 2008.


Notary Public

ANDREW THOMAS SCHWANTNER
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Jefferson County
Commission #06893876
My Commission Expires 5 / 31 / 2010